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MEETING: Closed Circuit TV for Headquarters

DATE: Tuesday, 28 June 1977

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: DDA Conference Room

STATINTL ATTENDING: OC [REDACTED]

STATINTL OL - Jim McDonald  
[REDACTED]

STATINTL OS - Bob Gambino  
[REDACTED]

STATINTL OTR- Harry Fitzwater  
[REDACTED]

STATINTL OCR- [REDACTED]

EO/DDA- [REDACTED]

13 June 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: Herbert E. Hetu  
Assistant to the Director  
(Public Affairs)

SUBJECT: Closed Circuit Television System  
for Headquarters Building

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1. For some time I have been informally talking with [REDACTED] about the possibility of a closed circuit television system for the Headquarters building. When I became aware of the fact that we now possess the necessary equipment to tape television shows for later playing and are able to show foreign television programs (the line count on foreign screens is different, as you know), I wondered aloud to [REDACTED] why we could not have a system similar to that in the White House and OEOB. They, for instance, have two channels on every television set capable of showing rebroadcasts. It seemed to me the only thing we lacked was the cable running from Herb's equipment to the television monitors around the building where we might wish to have the capability to reshow broadcasts.

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2. Attached is a summary of what Herb has learned which he produced at my request. I wonder if you could now take a look at this proposal and obtain comments from other appropriate officers as to the feasibility of installing a limited cable capability.

3. In addition to the convenience of being able to rebroadcast programs of interest (Presidential news conferences, specials, news, etc.), the system would also provide the capability of broadcasting other items of interest to meetings, briefings, etc. For instance, it would provide DDI or my office with the capability to show items of interest at the morning staff meeting. It also could provide the very basic ingredient for an internal communication system to communicate items of special interest to CIA employees by placing receivers in strategic locations.

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Herbert E. Hetu

10 June 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the DCI (Public Affairs)

FROM : [REDACTED]  
Chief, Pictorial Services Branch, OCR

SUBJECT : CCTV For Headquarters Building

1. This memorandum summarizes discussions I have had with you and Office of Communications personnel concerning the possibility of installing a closed circuit television system in Headquarters Building. A recommendation for your action appears in paragraph 4.

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2. The Office of Central Reference maintains a capability to

[REDACTED]  
three theatres into which video (and films) may be projected for a combined audience of 110 people. Additionally, simultaneous transmission of a videotape program may be made to the 500 seat Headquarters auditorium from the OCR video unit. Installation of a closed circuit television system in Headquarters would allow senior officers and Headquarters employees to view significant televised events without being required to come to the theatre.

3. The Office of Communications technicians with whom I have talked indicate that costs for installation of cable and ancillary equipment for a five monitor system would not exceed \$15,000.00. The lines would originate from the OCR video unit in Room 1E72 Headquarters and terminate at monitors in the offices of the DCI, DDCI, A/DCI/PA and at two locations near the main entrance. Monitors would have a switching capability to allow display of either U.S. or foreign TV formats.

4. CCTV as a reality in Headquarters is only restricted by the amount of money made available for the purchase of a system. However, I recommend that the Office of Communications undertake a formal review into all aspects of the current state of the CCTV art to guarantee that the initial Headquarters installation will serve as a technically solid base to satisfy any future transmission and monitor-tie-in requirements. Specifically: we must ask what do we anticipate as our CCTV needs now through 1980? Who are the commercial designers and distributors of CCTV

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systems? What is the best system today in light of on-going Office of Communications future planning for improvements in communications networks?

5. The question of size of the initial CCTV system should also be verified. I have identified five stations as a reasonably priced project, but envision the need to provide the Deputy Directors and units such as Operations Center with a CCTV monitor.

6. I will be happy to provide any additional information about our TV recording and projection capabilities that may be required, and to coordinate OCR's participation with Office of Communications in any CCTV installation.

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